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# Mount Rushmore National Memorial News Release

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## Fire Caution Recommended at Mount Rushmore National Memorial

KEYSTONE, SD: A mild winter and dry start to spring has resulted in high to extreme fire danger throughout the Central and Southern Black Hills including Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Current conditions have the potential to bring about wildfires that can present a threat to both visitors and resources.

Visitors are urged to use caution. Please remember that open fires are not permitted at the memorial. When smoking, be careful to properly extinguish and dispose of all smoking materials in an appropriate receptacle a safe distance from combustible materials. Smoking is prohibited in all federal buildings including dining areas and gift shops. Use caution when hiking or climbing in the backcountry maintaining an awareness of your surroundings at all times. During dry conditions, a small spark can easily spread into a wildfire.

There are no fire-related backcountry closures at this time. For additional information regarding park operations visit the website [www.nps.gov/moru](http://www.nps.gov/moru)

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